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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CALL FROM FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO OF  
COSTA RICA

DURING A TELEPHONE CALL FEBRUARY 21 FOREIGN MINISTER  
FACIO TOLD AMBASSADOR TODMAN THE FOLLOWING:

1. COSTA RICA HAD DECIDED TO RENEW CONSULAR RELATIONS  
WITH CUBA BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS  
AND THE NEED TO HAVE SOME PERSONNEL IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH  
THIS ASPECT OF THEIR RELATIONS. COSTA RICA HAD MADE IT  
QUITE CLEAR THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN DIPLOMATIC TIES.

2. PRESIDENT ODUBER WILL GO TO MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 23  
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT. PANAMA  
WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND HE WONDERED WHAT WAS THE LATEST  
US POSITION ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS.

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3. AMBASSADOR TODMAN TOLD FACIO THAT WE ARE VERY SERIOUS  
ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE PREPARED TO REACH AN AGREE-  
MENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TACK-KISSINGER PRINCIPLES.  
WE ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND HOPE THAT THE PANA-  
MANIANS WILL BE ALSO. ONE ISSUE OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE IS

THAT THE CANAL REMAINS OPEN, SECURE AND NEUTRAL AND

NON-DISCRIMINATORY FOR THE LONG TERM INCLUDING THE POST TREATY PERIOD. THIS MEANS THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME AGREED WAY TO ENSURE OUR PARTICIPATION IN PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION TO DEFEND THE CANAL AND PROTECT OUR INTEREST.

4. FACIO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS FULLY AND HAD OFTEN STATED THAT HE KNEW WE COULD NOT ACCEPT GUARANTEES THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE NO ONE COULD PREDICT WHAT THE UN MACHINERY WOULD LOOK LIKE 20 YEARS FROM NOW. HE REALIZED THAT A BILATERAL GUARANTEE WOULD BE BEST BUT WONDERED IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A BILATERAL GUARANTEE WITH MAYBE SOME COLLATERAL DEFENSE ENDORSEMENT BY THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA. AMBASSADOR TODMAN TOLD FACIO THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXAMINE VARIOUS PROPOSALS ON THIS ISSUE PROVIDED THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR NEED FOR A FULLY SECURE CANAL WITH NO WATERING DOWN OF THE US ROLE IN THE POST-TREATY DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS.

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